

Substitute House Joint Resolution No. 110

House of Representatives, April 6, 1998. The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. SCHIESSL, 60th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute joint resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGET.

1 Resolved by this Assembly:

2 That the following be proposed as an
3 amendment to the Constitution of the State, which,
4 when approved and adopted in the manner provided
5 by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and
6 purposes, become a part thereof:

7 Article third of the amendments to the
8 Constitution is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 2 of article third of the
10 constitution is amended to read as follows:

11 There shall be a regular session of the
12 general assembly on the Wednesday following the
13 first Monday of January in the odd-numbered years
14 and on the Wednesday following the first Monday of
15 February in the even-numbered years, and at such
16 other times as the general assembly shall judge
17 necessary; but the person administering the office
18 of governor may, on special emergencies, convene
19 the general assembly at any other time. All
20 regular and special sessions of the general
21 assembly shall be held at Hartford, but the person
22 administering the office of governor may, in case
23 of special emergency, convene the assembly at any

24 other place in the state. The general assembly
25 shall adjourn each regular session in the
26 odd-numbered years not later than the first
27 Wednesday after the first Monday in June and in
28 the even-numbered years not later than the first
29 Wednesday after the first Monday in May and shall
30 adjourn each special session upon completion of
31 its business. If any bill passed by any regular or
32 special session or any appropriation item
33 described in Section 16 of Article Fourth has been
34 disapproved by the governor prior to its
35 adjournment, and has not been reconsidered by the
36 assembly, or is so disapproved after such
37 adjournment, the secretary of the state shall
38 reconvene the general assembly on the second
39 Monday after the last day on which the governor is
40 authorized to transmit or has transmitted every
41 bill to the secretary with his objections pursuant
42 to Section 15 of Article Fourth of this
43 constitution, whichever occurs first; provided if
44 such Monday falls on a legal holiday the general
45 assembly shall be reconvened on the next following
46 day. The reconvened session shall be for the sole
47 purpose of reconsidering and, if the assembly so
48 desires, repassing such bills. The general
49 assembly shall adjourn sine die not later than
50 three days following its reconvening. IN THE ODD
51 YEAR SESSION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL CONSIDER
52 ALL BUDGETARY, REVENUE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS
53 RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL BUDGET, AND MAY CONSIDER
54 ANY OTHER BUSINESS. In the even year session the
55 general assembly shall consider no business other
56 than budgetary, revenue and financial matters OF
57 AN EMERGENCY NATURE, bills and resolutions raised
58 by committees of the general assembly and those
59 matters certified in writing by the speaker of the
60 house of representatives and president pro tempore
61 of the senate to be of an emergency nature.

62 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed
63 amendment to the Constitution be continued to the
64 next session of the General Assembly elected at
65 the general election to be held on November 3,
66 1998, and published with the laws passed at the
67 present session, or be presented to the electors
68 at the general election to be held on November 3,
69 1998, whichever the case may be, according to
70 article sixth of the amendments to the
71 Constitution. The designation of said proposed

72 amendment to be used on the voting machine ballot
73 labels and absentee ballots at such election shall
74 be "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended
75 to implement the original intent of the biennial
76 budget?"

77 FIN COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 43 NAY 0 JFS

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"THE FOLLOWING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND BILL ANALYSIS ARE PREPARED FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF INFORMATION, SUMMARIZATION AND EXPLANATION AND DO NOT REPRESENT THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR EITHER HOUSE THEREOF FOR ANY PURPOSE."

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHJ 110

STATE IMPACT See Explanation Below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT See Explanation Below

STATE AGENCY(S) All Agencies

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: It is anticipated that the Secretary of the State will be able to cover the costs associated with printing the explanation of the proposed constitutional amendments, and the required posters within the anticipated budgetary resources.

Since the materials that are needed for a constitutional amendment on the ballot are supplied by the State, no additional costs will be incurred by the municipalities.

If this amendment to the constitution is approved by the voters, the following fiscal impact may result. Not allowing revisions to the second year of the biennium prior to its start precludes the opportunity to increase or decrease revenues and expenditures (including grants to towns).

It is anticipated that some administrative savings will occur to all state agencies because they will no longer have to prepare budget documents for revisions to the second year of the biennial budget. There is a saving to the Office of Policy and Management and the Office of Fiscal Analysis because they will not have to print budget revision documents.

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OFA BILL ANALYSIS

SHJ 110

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
TO IMPLEMENT THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGET**

SUMMARY: The resolution proposes amending the State Constitution to stipulate that in odd year sessions, the General Assembly shall consider: (1) all budgetary, revenue and financial matters relating to the biennial budget, and (2) any other business. The resolution stipulates that in even year sessions the General Assembly shall consider (1) no budgetary, revenue or financial matters, except those of an emergency nature; (2) bills and resolutions raised by committees of the General Assembly, and (3) those matters certified in writing by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate to be of an emergency nature.

The ballot designation to be used when the amendment is presented at the general election is: "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to implement the original intent of the biennial budget?"

EFFECTIVE DATE: If the resolution passes by at least three-fourths of the membership of each house, it will be placed on the ballot in the 1998 general election. If it passes by a majority of the membership of each house but less than three-fourths, it will be referred to the 1999 session of the General Assembly. If it passes in that session by a majority of each house, it will appear on the general election ballot in 2000. If a majority of those voting in the general election approves the amendment, it will become part of the state constitution.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 43 Nay 0